

WOMEN RIOT OVER FREE HATS

NOT ENOUGH TO GO AROUND AT THE NEW AMSTERDAM.

Fifty Cent Seats, Besides. Were Not Good for Hats When You Helped Yourself—So You Did, If You Could—Police Quell Riots for the Free Millinery.

Yesterday was the day set for the distribution of souvenir hats (by permission of Henry W. Savage) at the matinee of "The Merry Widow" at the New Amsterdam Theatre; and without any permission of Mr. Savage whatever, but to the delight of the press agent, who had foreseen it, there was a riot which left behind it a playhouse strewn with back hair, puffs, bina pins and other things that come off hats.

The souvenir hats were 23 inches in diameter, and each was enclosed in a regular hat-box. The management didn't think that the fifty cent seats deserved souvenirs and they did think that there would be some in the audience. So they bought 1,200 Charlotte Corday hats and thought it would be enough. Then they made over the lounge room in the rear of the main floor into a hat depot, and put across the front of it a long counter, behind which were stationed a lot of people to give out hats in an orderly, Henry W. Savage manner. But that wasn't exactly what happened.

As it turned out, there were something like 1,600 women in the house. Of course, there wouldn't be a chance for the women, if they got the hats on their arrival, as they got them in the seats and still let everybody see the show. So coupons were given out at the door, which were to be given after the last curtain, each calling for a hat. And the management expected the women would wait.

At the last intermission—just before the Maxim's scene—a number of women decided that they would prefer to stand during the remainder of the show. These filled up the seats behind the seats in good shape. And when one or two of these happened to think that they had to get home early and represented their coupons. Manager Douglas and his corps of ushers and girls behind the counter wanted to give away the coupons to the one or two hats, and other women who were standing near happened to think that they had to get home early too and more hats were given out, and then the down front heard everybody getting hats and started out to get theirs—all this long before the curtain fell.

By the time *Saints* and the *Prince* left Maxim's in the yellow spot, there was more doing at the back of the theatre than on the stage, and the minute the curtain began to come down, everybody who was not already there made a rush for the large counter. The broad line absolutely refused to form—there came all directions and all wanted to get there first. There was one poor, lonely, special officer on the job, and it wasn't a minute before he was surrounded by women. He saved himself took a look in and remembered he had an engagement downtown. The press agent went to the Knickerbocker for a rioter.

When the doors were opened for people to go to the women in the gallery, who had heard nothing about the coupon thing, and that they were frightened of an on the mezzanine cutting as well as their downstairs sisters, all came down, around and into the theatre and joined the merry party. The counter with its pile of hat boxes was knocked over and a lot of women thought it made a good chance to get a hat without waiting any longer and everybody went into the scrum. So four policemen were called in to stem the tide of women and save what could be saved of the hats.

After a coupon had been exchanged for a hat it was put in a little box on the counter. When the counter went over this box went too and the coupons were scattered over the floor. So those who had received no coupons went after them, and the ushers went after the coupons too, so that the women wouldn't get them, and that was another riot.

At 6:30 there were groups of women standing on the street in front and clear over to Broadway looking at the counter that way, intending to put the new hats on and not have any old one to carry. They were saying nice things about the press agent.

WHITE GIRL KIDNAPPED.
According to Her Story, by a Negro—Three Arrests Made.

Warren Nelson, a negro, 23 years of age, who says he is a waiter, was looked up at Police Headquarters last night charged with kidnapping Gussie Kraus, a Hungarian girl of 17 years, who lives with her sister, Mrs. Joseph Abramovitz, at 214 East Third street. With Nelson were arrested his wife Louise, who appears to be white, and Bessie Stevens, a negro, who keeps a house in West 135th street. The two women also were charged with kidnapping.

The Kraus girl was a waitress in a restaurant at 452 Lenox avenue. There Nelson met her. She says that on Sunday he induced her to take a walk with him and when in front of the West 135th street house grabbed her and drew her into the place, threatening to kill her if she didn't obey. She says that he kept her locked up for several days and that she got away by finding a key to the door and escaping when she was not watched.

All the prisoners deny the charges against them. They say they did not compel the girl to come to the house or stay with them. They said the police took the girl to Coney Island one night and to the theatre the next.

She appears to be little more than an average and badly frightened child. When telling her story last night she could not mention the negro without crying. She also begged the police several times not to let him get at her again.

NIGHT COURT'S 223 PRISONERS.
Women in Droves Awaited Magistrate Breen, Overcrowding the Prison Pen.

When the night court opened last night 180 prisoners, mostly women, were awaiting hearing. By 10 o'clock the number had increased to 223.

The night court pen accommodated only twenty-five women and forty men comfortably. These separate quarters were soon filled and then the prisoners were crowded into the corridor until that was packed too. The heat and suffocation soon got too much for the women, a number of whom began to complain of feeling sick.

Magistrate Breen ran off a hundred cases in the first hour. Warden Mallon of the prison extended the hospitality of about 100 cells he had that weren't working, and when these were put into requisition the pressure on the regular pen was eased up considerably. Toward midnight most of the cases had been disposed of and the newcomers were fewer.

Parks and Playgrounds Association Incorporated.

ALBANY, June 13.—The Parks and Playgrounds Association of the City of New York filed incorporation papers with the Secretary of State to-day. The association is to provide parks and playgrounds for children and promote their proper maintenance and availability. The directors are A. Philbin, George S. Sinks, Eugene A. Gilbert, Colgate, William J. Schieffelin, S. R. Woodruff, William E. Conley, William Greer, Gutzon Borglum, William C. Deming, Howell C. Crichon, Luther H. Gulick, Howard Bradstreet, Florence Kelley, Michael J. Lavelle and Milo R. Malbie of New York City, Caroline McPhail Bergen, Lillian D. Wald, Alfred J. Boulton, Kate Duryea and Ruth Thayer Stewart of Brooklyn, and William M. Clark of Plainfield, N. J.

CHILDREN PARADE FOR TAFT.

Brook Infants in Line for a Local Republican Club.

Owing to circumstances over which he had no control Secretary Taft was unable to accept the invitation conveyed to him by Francis I. Lowe on behalf of the National Republican Club of the Bronx to review the monster Lilliputian parade which took place yesterday afternoon under the auspices of that organization.

Mr. Lowe took a solemn affidavit just before he went home to dinner that the above mentioned parade was a mile and a half long. In fact the 2,500 children and 100 fathers and 400 mothers with baby carriages and 800 mothers without baby carriages and 168 elder sisters and 27 grandmothers who made up the line of march were instructed to walk far enough apart to show the Democrats and the Socialists and the Prohibitionists and the Hughes boomers that a properly conducted administration association could do in the way of spreading itself, and not a parade beat the job.

The Roosevelt-Taft-Parsons adherents (for so Mr. Lowe defined them) gathered in McKinley Square, whence they proceeded by way of Third and Clinton avenues to the 174th street entrance of Crotona Park.

Just behind the band rode Arthur Meyer, 331 Westchester avenue on a bucking bronco, and after him walked Mrs. J. M. Donohue and Mrs. John O'Grady and Mrs. Smyth and Mary Smyth and Joseph Smyth and Francis Lowe.

Eight of the tallest members held aloft with arms that pride rendered immune from fatigue a transparency twelve feet in length by two in width emblazoned with the legend "Me for Taft."

Lots and lots of the rank and file wore caps which conveyed to interested spectators the information, in large blue letters, that the country in general and the National Republican Club of the Bronx looked to Taft.

Of course 2,500 children with mothers and fathers and their brothers and grandmothers and an assortment of other relatives do not go to a real park just for the purpose of feasting their eyes on the beauties of nature. It goes through saying that line of thought that the parade was in commission to the extent of 1,000 quarts of pink and white ice cream, 1,800 quarts of milk, hundreds and hundreds of dozens of sweet cakes with frosting on and thousands of bags of candy.

Furthermore, even a political picnic isn't a picnic at all unless due attention is given to the national game, so the baseball line pitted itself against another which has put itself under the protection of Saint Thomas Aquinas, and the former beat the latter 10 to 0.

There were also prizes for the most original costume and the most beautiful maypole and the most artistically decorated carriage and the champion gum chewer, and there were other prizes for potato races and sack races and egg races and so forth, and 100 yard sprints, and still more prizes for the one who could eat the most bricks of ice cream in three minutes and for the one who could get outside of the largest number of cakes while the sardine dash was being run.

When the club broke ranks at 5 o'clock a telegram was sent to Secretary Taft pledging the allegiance of the Junior Branch of the National Republican Club of the Bronx.

MISS SINGER DIED AT SEA.

Mother and Brother Were Bringing Her Home From a German Cure.

Miss Ada Singer, daughter of the Spanish Consul at Chicago, Bernhard Singer, died of tuberculosis on Tuesday in midocean aboard the Hamburg-American liner Kaiserin Augusta Victoria. She had been under treatment in a sanatorium in Germany when it became apparent that she would not get well her mother and brother decided to bring her home. She was taken aboard the ship on a stretcher at Cherbourg and attended by a special nurse and the ship's physician. Her father put a wireless message from the liner on Wednesday telling of her death and he came here and went down in a revenue cutter yesterday morning, greeting his wife at the ship's gangway.

Among the Kaiserin's passengers were Miss Carolina Amari of Rome and Miss Berenice Cohen of the city of New York, the Scuola d'Industria Italiana of New York who have been abroad in the interests of the society; Mr. and Mrs. John Markie, Herr Piche, secretary of the family embassy at Washington; Al Hayman, Lieut. William Hamilton Merritt, Charles G. Goodrich and Clarence Phelps Dodge.

New Device to Test Strength of Ammunition Belts.

WASHINGTON, June 13.—A unique device for testing the strength and durability of ammunition belts has been devised by ordnance experts of the army and is now in operation at the army arsenal at Rock Island, Ill. It consists of a dummy soldier arranged on machinery so that he is jolted both up and down and sideways about 100,000 times in every twenty-four hours. He is wearing three different styles of cartridge belt which are being tested. The belts contain the regular service ammunition, and it is the intention of the Department to keep the dummy soldier on the hike until some of the sharp nosed steel bullets have cut through their pockets in the ammunition belts.

Movements of Naval Vessels.

WASHINGTON, June 13.—The collector Alexander has sailed from San Francisco for Guam, the transport Prairie from Newport for Colon, the cruiser Tacoma from New York yard for Newport, the supply ship Supply from Yokohama for Guam, the cruiser St. Louis from Bremerton for Honolulu, the cruiser Tennessee from San Pedro for Santa Barbara, the tug Uncas from Guantanamo for Port Castilla and the yacht Mayflower from Washington for Hampton Roads.

The torpedo boat Morris has arrived at Seval Point, the cruisers Olympia and Chicago, the monitors Albatross and Nevada and the transport Hartford have arrived at Solomons Island, Md.

The Tennessee's injured men being well. WASHINGTON, June 13.—Rear Admiral Uriel Sebree, commanding the second division of the Pacific fleet, reported to the Navy Department to-day that the seamen injured in the accident on board the armored cruiser Tennessee a week ago were improving rapidly. Four of the men are in hospitals in Los Angeles, while three others are still in the Tennessee, which left San Pedro for Santa Barbara to rejoin the division.

Army and Navy Orders.

WASHINGTON, June 13.—These military orders were issued to-day:
Capt. Edwin R. Stuart, Corps of Engineers, from Savannah, Ga., to the transport to sail to Manila, Philippine Islands.
The following changes in the assignments of officers to duty were ordered:
First Lieut. Walter M. Wilhelm, from Fifth Second Company and placed on the unassigned list; First Lieut. Walter M. Wilhelm, from Fifth Second Company to Fifth Second Company.
First Lieut. Kenyon A. Joyce, from Thirtieth Cavalry to Sixth Cavalry; W. M. Joyce, from Sixth Cavalry to Thirtieth Cavalry.
First Lieut. Daniel A. Nolan, Fifth Infantry, to Fort Seward.
Capt. Peter C. Hains, Jr., Quartermaster, is relieved from duty at the Fort Seward, and assigned to the Forty-eighth Company, Coast Artillery Corps.

These navy orders were issued:
Lieutenant Commander M. T. Bristol, to naval torpedo station, Newport, R. I.
Lieut. T. L. Osborne, from command of the fleet to command of the Bertha.
Lieut. R. C. Davis, orders to command grampus to home and three months leave granted; Lieut. H. H. Dodd to command Grampus.
Lieut. H. B. Dodd, from command of the Grampus to Mare Island Navy Yard to the Virginia.
Lieut. R. C. Davis, from command of the Grampus to Mare Island Navy Yard.
Assistant Paymaster R. E. Collins, from the Connecticut to the Fort Seward, to the Connecticut as commissary officer.

TAG DAY IN WASHINGTON.

EVERY MAN ON THE STREET FORCED TO WEAR ONE.

A Scheme to Squeeze Out of Pedestrians Dimes or Dollars for a Children's Playground—The President Squeezed for a 55 Tag—Bonaparte Tagged Twice.

WASHINGTON, June 13.—Every man on the streets here to-day is wearing a tag by a string from his buttonhole. It is a plain cardboard tag such as the express companies use, and it does not add to the appearance of one's dress, but it saves money and a headache to wear it. This is tag day in Washington. Tag day is a device to squeeze dimes and quarters out of every pedestrian for the benefit of a castoff children's playground.

Every man who would not hand out a dime at least once for a tag. It was an exceedingly high toned or reckless one who would not wear it. No dime, no tag, no tag, no peace. The holdup of wearers of untagged coats occurred every twenty-five feet.

Children peddled the tags in all parts of the city, and no man escaped. There were store tags, house tags, automobile tags, cab tags and a host of others. A five dollar tag that made the owner immune from attack in all quarters. The store tag cost a dollar, likewise the house tag. Every woman was held up in every store and it cost her a dollar to continue her round of shopping without further solicitation.

President Roosevelt gave across for a five dollar tag that allowed him to take his customary drive on horseback without being held up at the bridge. Attorney-General Bonaparte was tagged. A beautiful young woman held him boldly in front of the White House yesterday, which was a day in advance of official time for the free-boosting. He dug a round dollar cheerfully and said it was worth it. But he forgot the tag when he sauntered out to-day, and he had to shell out again. This time it was not worth it, the bandit being a street urchin.

Young Quentin Roosevelt made a street record. He stood in front of his school house and took \$20 in an hour peddling ten-cent tags. Then he moved down to the Mall before the White House, where he suspected money would come in bigger pieces. He was lashed to the mast there in no time after two automobiles drove up filled with daintily clad girls, who piled out and worked the thoroughfare and White House grounds to a finish. The girls then ventured into the sacred precincts of the White House and sought Mr. Loeb, but could not find him. Leaving the President's residence, they left, by virtue of the five dollar tag, complimentary tags for both just for luck.

Next the bevy of young beauty assailed the Riggs National Bank and held up every one from the president down.

ABUSE IN ISSUING PASSES.

More Stringent Regulations Adopted by the Interstate Commission.

WASHINGTON, June 13.—Additional regulations further restricting the issuance of passes by railroad companies were issued to-day by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

"Many abuses in the issuance and uses of passes have been discovered," the commission says, in explanation of the new regulations, "which it is desired to correct, and to this end and because of the misinterpretation of the law by the carriers generally the commission at this time makes announcement that it will recommend the indictment and prosecution of all carriers and persons issuing passes to or allowing the use of passes by any persons not included within the designated classes to whom free transportation may be given by carriers. Among those not included under the provisions referred to are the following:

Officers or employees of news companies other than newspapers.
Officers or employees of telegraph or telephone companies, excepting when personally engaged in operation, extension, repair or inspection of lines upon or along the road right of way and used in connection with the operation of the railroad.
Officers or employees of express, transfer and baggage companies, except baggage agents.

Officers or employees of carriers not subject to act to regulate commerce, including officers and agents of steamship and stage lines not subject thereto.
Officers or employees of subsidiary corporations, which corporations engage in any employment other than that of the carrier, or other than the carrier, save that such officers or employees may be granted free transportation when engaged on the business of the carrier.

The commission also says that it will regard as a breach of the law the issuing of annual passes to those to whom such passes may properly be given under the names of the persons appear thereon. John Smith and party, the commission says, is not a sufficient designation. The members of the party must also be named. Where transportation is issued to an officer or employee of a railroad "and family," the names of the members of the family included must be designated. The new regulations also enjoin carriers from destroying records or memoranda touching the issuance of passes, and the passing of them after their use must be kept by the carrier for a period of not less than five years.

CHARGES AGAINST MO. PACIFIC.

Little Rock Company Accuses the Road of Paying Rebates.

WASHINGTON, June 13.—A charge of illegal rebating to the extent of \$500,000 during the last six years was preferred to-day to the Interstate Commerce Commission by the Brook-Rauch Mill and Elevator Company of Little Rock, Ark., against the Missouri Pacific Railroad Company, this amount, it being alleged, having been paid to the T. T. Company, grain and provision dealers of Little Rock, and competitors of the complainants. The commission is asked to request the Attorney-General to institute court proceedings against the railroad for the recovery of \$1,500,000, three times the amount of the rebates which it is alleged have been paid.

The commission charges that the railroad company has furnished the Bunch company a valuable warehouse in Little Rock and a warehouse, mill and elevator in Argos, Ark., for the purpose of unloading interstate shipments of grain and provisions and storing them, and for cleaning, milling and seeking grain. For these buildings, which are located on the right of way of the railroad, the Bunch company is alleged, pays an annual rental of \$1, and it is claimed that the rental value of the property is about \$50,000 per annum. It is charged that the money rebates and the facilities granted the Bunch company amounting to about \$500,000, has enabled it to outbid the grain and provision dealers of Little Rock, Arkansas, Texas and other States.

Places for Physicians and Surgeons in the Army.

WASHINGTON, June 13.—By the recent act of Congress providing for the reorganization and enlargement of the medical corps of the army officials of the War Department point out that there is an excellent opportunity for young physicians and surgeons to enter the military service. There have been a number of applicants, but few have proved successful in the examinations. Of fifty-four candidates only eight were successful. By the reorganization, which will become effective July 1, there will be forty-four vacancies in the grade of First Lieutenant.

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NO THREATS TO HARM HUGHES.

The Report That He Is Guarded by Police and Detectives Is Denied.

ALBANY, June 13.—Gov. Hughes's trip to Hudson to-day, which was taken as the guest of the Hon. Simon W. Rosendale, member of the State Board of Charities, in Mr. Rosendale's automobile for the purpose of making an inspection of the State Training School for Girls, gave rise to sensational rumors that it had been necessary to guard him through Albany streets because of threatening letters which the Governor is alleged to have received recently from disappointed friends of racing. Robert K. Miller, secretary of the Governor, decided to-night that the statements made were surprising to him, as he knew of no occasion for detectives guarding the Governor at the time. Mr. Hughes said, "I have been less in number recently and there had been no letter received with threats to indicate that the writer contemplated doing the Governor bodily harm."

A local morning newspaper gave currency to a report that the Governor's departure from the Executive Mansion was guarded by a cordon of police and that two detectives rode with him in the automobile, but the only apparent foundation for the story lay in the fact that two local detectives were on hand to witness the Governor's departure. There had been so much criticism of the local detective force in certain publications for not having guarded the Governor on his way to the State Capitol last night that orders had been given to pay more attention to such matters and this accounted for the presence of the police to-day.

Another erroneous statement was published here that owing to excitement due to the enforcement of the anti-gambling laws Gov. Hughes had withdrawn his acceptance of an invitation to open the World's Temperance Congress at Saratoga on Monday. Gov. Hughes, as a matter of fact, had never accepted the invitation to address the congress except conditionally and he has to be in Albany on Monday on account of a hearing before him at the Executive Chamber on his way to the inspection bill, which was passed at the extra session of the Legislature.

AUTOS HIT HEAD ON.

Cars of G. A. Roach and W. I. Kent Wrecked, but Occupants Escape Serious Injury.

New Rochelle, June 13.—While going at a high rate of speed the automobiles of G. A. Roach and W. I. Kent came together head on this afternoon on Hallock street, near Weaver street and Palmer avenue, Larchmont. Aside from Mr. Kent receiving an ugly scalp wound and Mr. Roach a bruise on the forehead, the occupants of both cars escaped uninjured. Both cars broke their front axles and stove in their engines, which necessitated their being towed to Larchmont.

Kent lives in Church street, White Plains, and was speeding toward the post road route to New York. Mr. Roach, who lives in Manhattan, was on his way to White Plains, where were two women in Mr. Kent's car besides the chauffeur, while Mr. Roach carried a chauffeur and a man and woman.

When the cars came together the report could be heard a quarter of a mile. The occupants were stunned and tossed about. Mr. Roach put his knee through the dashboard of his car without sustaining any serious injury. Edward Coriell and Caleb Ireland, who live near where the accident occurred, saw the cars and helped the women and injured men. Mr. Kent was attended by a physician at Wilson's pharmacy. Both cars were practically wrecked.

ARIONS AT THE WHITE HOUSE.

Brooklyn Singers Entertain a Party by Singing Several Numbers.

WASHINGTON, June 13.—For half an hour this afternoon, from 2:30 to 3 o'clock, President and Mrs. Roosevelt and a party of about fifty friends, including members of the Cabinet and their wives, listened to the winners of the first prize given by Kaiser Wilhelm last year at the National Singsong-bund. The singers, the Arions of Brooklyn, consisting of about seventy-five trained voices, sang several numbers, most of them in German, with one or two American melodies interspersed. The programme was in charge of Arthur Hanson, director of the society. The Presidential party considered the programme superior to anything of the kind ever rendered at the White House. The concert was the first for many years for a trip abroad, where they will sing for the imperial families of a number of countries, including Emperor William.

Kermit Roosevelt a Graduate. GROTON, Mass., June 13.—Kermit Roosevelt, son of President Roosevelt, was one of the graduates from the Groton school this year but no member of the family attended the prize day exercises to-day. The feature was an address by President Hadley of Yale, whose son is a student. Among the student prize winners were: M. Hadley, New Haven; Seth Low, Jr., Brooklyn, and Vanderbilt Webb, New York.

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